

09-326 Office of Public Health

Agency Description

The mission of the Office of Public Health (OPH) is to:

1. Promote health through education that emphasizes the importance of individual responsibility for health and wellness.
2. Enforce regulations that protect the environment and to investigate health hazards in the community.
3. Collect and distribute information vital to informed decision-making on matters related to individual, community, and environmental health.
4. Provide for leadership for the prevention and control of disease, injury, and disability in the state.
5. Provide assurance of essential preventive health care services for all citizens and a safety net for core public health services for the underserved.

The goals of the Office of Public Health are to:

1. Protect the quality of our physical environment.
2. Reduce illness, disability, and premature death.
3. Elevate the health status of our population.
4. Improve our health care and social environments.
5. Evaluate the health status of our population.

functions through approximately 35 programmatic and administrative offices. In addition, preventive and primary care is delivered in public health facilities and laboratories in parishes throughout the state (except Plaquemines Parish). The OPH has evolved to respond to the most pressing health needs of Louisiana citizens, while implementing programs to prevent disease and promote health. This has resulted in many new efforts to prevent the spread of HIV and sexually transmitted diseases, to monitor shellfish waters, to educate the public about health threats, to provide community education on healthy behavior and lifestyle choices and to react to new issues as they arise. The Office of Public Health continues its commitment to protect and enhance the health of Louisiana's citizens by providing a wide range of preventive and primary care services to reduce illness, disability and premature death. In addition, OPH enforces the State Sanitary Code, tests food products, maintains vital statistics and educates Louisiana residents.

The Office of Public Health has three programs: Personal Health Services, Environmental Health Services, and Vital Records and Statistics. The Office of Public Health is also committed to tracking and working toward attainment of many healthy people 2010 goals, which are national standards for health status.

AGENCY BUDGET SUMMARY

	ACTUAL 2001-2002	ACT 13 2002-2003	EXISTING 2002-2003	CONTINUATION 2003-2004	RECOMMENDED 2003-2004	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$44,798,485	\$47,255,242	\$47,976,180	\$56,180,987	\$54,363,329	\$6,387,149
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	12,595,379	19,890,811	18,164,292	14,566,720	15,921,693	(2,242,599)
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	21,530,775	26,261,159	26,261,159	24,628,180	25,376,470	(884,689)
Statutory Dedications	6,833,346	8,054,469	8,054,469	7,535,155	7,475,800	(578,669)
Interim Emergency Board	42,337	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	144,670,644	147,618,630	167,028,224	180,218,566	183,550,337	16,522,113
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$230,470,966	\$249,080,311	\$267,484,324	\$283,129,608	\$286,687,629	\$19,203,305
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Personal Health Services	\$205,852,341	\$222,802,958	\$240,818,522	\$254,885,134	\$255,282,586	\$14,464,064
Environmental Health Services	21,530,881	23,023,853	23,412,302	24,660,583	27,545,089	4,132,787
Vital Records and Statistics	3,087,744	3,253,500	3,253,500	3,583,891	3,859,954	606,454
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$230,470,966	\$249,080,311	\$267,484,324	\$283,129,608	\$286,687,629	\$19,203,305
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	1,566	1,974	2,009	2,007	2,027	18
Unclassified	20	17	17	17	17	0
TOTAL	1,586	1,991	2,026	2,024	2,044	18